GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FIRE INCIDENTS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been some fire incidents at Delhi and other Airports in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of the fire incidents reported during the current year alongwith the causes thereof;

(c) the details of losses incurred on each incident thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b):- Yes, Sir. There have been three incidents of fire at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi and one incident at Chhatrapati Shivaji International (CSI) Airport, Mumbai. The above incidents occurred at IGI Airport on 22.01.2006, 02.02.2006 and 24.04.2006 due to electrical-spark / short-circuit. The incident at CSI Airport occurred on 27.04.2006 due to welding.

(c):- The loss due to fire on 22.1.2006 was Rs.10 lacs approximately, on 2.2.2006 was Rs.0.50 lacs approximately and on 24.4.2006 was Rs.20.50 lacs approximately. However, there was no loss in the fire incident at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport on 27.4.2006. (d):- The following steps are taken from time to time to ensure that such incidents do not recur:-

(i) Monthly inspection of various types of fire extinquishers placed in all terminals and offices.

(ii) Quarterly inspection of fixed fire installation and fire alarm detection system.

(iii) Fire dampers in A/C ducts are checked once in every quarter.

(iv) Random inspection to check the use of unauthorised appliances and other fire hazards, if any, in the offices of the airlines/agencies.

(v) Fire officials keep monitoring the welding work.

(vi) Familiarization of the terminal building of all fire staff is done periodically to enable them to have easy access to the various terminal building areas and to reach the sources of the fire promptly.